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SUBJECT: (Optional)

Public Understanding of the Role of Intelligence

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Director of Medical Services
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MEMORANDUM FOR: Acting Deputy Director for Support

ATTENTION : Executive Officer to the DDS

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REFERENCE : Memo fr ExDir-Compt, dated 16 Jul 71,
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1. As requested, for inclusion in the inventory mentioned in referent memorandum, following are examples of current Office of Medical Services activities which in our judgment meet the criteria of informing the public and private sectors about the value of intelligence and the CIA function.

a. We exert considerable effort to relate positively to the local, Federal, and national medical communities:

(1) We recently had the President of the Arlington County Medical Society in for luncheon and discussions. (An unexpected but gratifying result of this was his invitation for appropriate staff medical officers to become active voting members of that Society.) ✓

(2) We meet frequently with the Medical Director of the Foreign Service to discuss mutual interests, and we have cordial and effective continuing liaisons with medical officials of the United States Public Health Service, the U.S. Civil Service Commission, National Security Agency, the military services, and other Federal Agencies. Certain of our staff medical officers are members of the Council of Federal Medical Directors. ✓

(3) Several of our staff medical officers and staff psychologists hold teaching appointments at local medical schools and universities. ✓

(4) We have had officials of the American Medical Association visit us for luncheon and discussion. ✓

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(5) Our Chief, Psychiatric Staff, a graduate of the Vanderbilt University Medical School, addressed the alumni of that university on psychiatry in an intelligence agency.

b. Psychologists of our Psychological Services Staff in recent years have with increasing frequency received approval for the publication of certain works in professional journals.

c. Our three professional consultant panels -- Clinical, Psychiatric, and Psychological -- are continuing means for improving the understanding of the Agency mission. These panels, made up of eminent professionals in their respective fields, are convened several times each year here at headquarters. By way of example, the Clinical Consultant Panel is composed of the medical directors of the following industrial organizations:

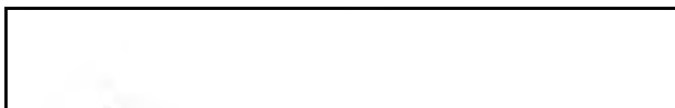


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d. We have recently initiated a new program whereby certain of our other professional consultants are invited in for periodic professional seminars with our professional staff.

e. In the course of other OMS activities we have opportunity to provide some appreciation of the Agency's function. Our Medical Systems Development Officer, for example, in the course of preparing for the present survey of our medical records system, had occasion to visit and talk with officials at several medical centers throughout the country.

2. We believe, therefore, that we have been and are working in the direction suggested by the Director in his recent State of the Agency address.



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for JOHN R. TIETJEN, M. D.
Director of Medical Services